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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1 1. (previously presented) An apparatus, comprising:
 - 2 an open API server for communicating with a user device and for sending and
 - 3 receiving application programming interface commands; and
 - 4 a proxy for receiving said application programming interface commands from
 - 5 said open API server, for sending said application programming interface commands
 - 6 received from said open API server to an application,[[;]] for receiving responses from an
 - 7 said application, and for sending said received responses to said open API server;
 - 8 wherein said proxy sends service contract implementation parameters to said open
 - 9 API server;
 - 10 wherein said open API server controls sending application programming interface
 - 11 commands based on said service contract implementation parameters;
 - 12 wherein, based on at least one identified condition, said open API server requests
 - 13 modification of at least one of said service contract implementation parameters.
- 1 2. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said service contract implementation
- 2 parameters are related to a service contract.
- 1 3. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, further including a database for
- 2 storing control parameters, wherein said proxy accesses and processes said stored control
- 3 parameters to form said service contract implementation parameters.
- 1 4. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, further including a registration
- 2 and discovery device that receives control parameters, wherein said proxy processes said
- 3 stored control parameters to form said service contract implementation parameters.

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1 5. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said proxy includes input/output
2 circuitry, a memory, and a processor.

1 6. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, further including a computer readable media
2 for storing program information that at least partially controls said proxy to produce said
3 service contract implementation parameters.

1 7. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the at least one
2 identified condition comprises a change in service usage.

1 8. (withdrawn) A system, comprising:
2 a telecommunication network;
3 an open API server for sending and receiving application programming interface
4 commands on said telecommunication network; and
5 a proxy for receiving said application programming interface commands from
6 said open API server and for selectively sending said application programming interface
7 commands to one of a first application or a second application;
8 wherein said proxy monitors the status of the system;
9 wherein said proxy dynamically selects the one of said first application or second
10 application based on the status of the system.

1 9. (withdrawn) The system according to claim 8, wherein said proxy changes its
2 selection based on a change to the system.

1 10. (withdrawn) The system according to claim 8, wherein said proxy is transparent
2 to said open API server.

1 11. (withdrawn) The system according to claim 8, wherein said proxy is transparent
2 to said selected application.

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1 12. (withdrawn) The system according to claim 8, wherein said proxy includes
2 input/output circuitry, a memory, and a processor.

1 13. (withdrawn) The system according to claim 8, further including a computer
2 readable media for storing program information that at least partially controls the
3 selection.

1 14. (withdrawn) The system according to claim 8, wherein said open API server is
2 adapted to bypasses said proxy and sends another application programming interface
3 command directly to one of a plurality of applications so as to prevent the proxy from
4 being a communication bottleneck.

1 15. (withdrawn) The system according to claim 8, wherein at least one other
2 application bypasses said proxy and sends another application programming interface
3 command directly to said open API server or another open API server.

1 16. (withdrawn) The system according to claim 8, wherein said proxy blocks at least a
2 portion of said application programming interface commands from propagating.

1 17. (previously presented) A method of operating a telecommunication network,
2 comprising:
3 obtaining service contract terms;
4 processing the service contract terms to develop implementation parameters for a
5 plurality of open API servers;
6 sending said implementation parameters to said plurality of open API servers,
7 wherein the implementation parameters sent to each open API server directs that open
8 API server to implement local service contract terms;
9 receiving application programming interface commands from the plurality of
10 open API servers, wherein each open API server sends said application programming
11 interface commands in accordance with its local service contract terms;

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12 passing said received application programming interface commands to at least one
13 application; and
14 receiving, from one of said open API servers, at least one request to modify at
15 least one of said local service contract terms associated with said one of said open API
16 servers.

1 18. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, further including the steps of:
2 identifying, at said one of said open API servers, a condition requiring
3 modification of said at least one of said local service contract terms associated with said
4 one of said open API servers; and
5 sending said at least one request to modify said at least one of said local service
6 contract terms.

1 19. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, further including the step of
2 storing said obtained service contract terms.

1 20. (withdrawn) A method of operating a telecommunication network, comprising:
2 receiving application programming interface commands from an open API server;
3 monitoring the status of the telecommunication network; and
4 selectively passing said application programming interface commands received
5 from the open API server to a first application or a second application,
6 wherein the first application or the second application to which said application
7 programming interface commands are passed is dynamically selected based on the status
8 of the telecommunication network.